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INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held in Director's
Conference Room, Administration Building
Central Intelligence Agency, on 15 February 1951

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Director of Central Intelligence
Lieutenant General Walter Bedell Smith
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Special Assistant, Intelligence,
Department of State
Brigadier General John Weckerling, acting for Assistant
Chief of Staff, G-2, Department of the Army
Rear Admiral Felix L. Johnson, Director of Naval Intelligence
Major General Charles P. Cabell, Director of Intelligence,
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Dr. Walter F. Colby, Director of Intelligence, Atomic Energy
Commission
Brigadier General Vernon E. Megee, USMC, Deputy Director
for Intelligence
Mr. Victor P. Keay, acting for Assistant to the Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. William L. Langer, Central Intelligence Agency
Dr. Max Millikan, Central Intelligence Agency
Mr. Sherman Kent, Central Intelligence Agency
[Redacted] Central Intelligence Agency
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Mr. Charles C. Stelle, Department of State
Mr. Mose J. Harvey, Department of State
Colonel O. B. Sykes, Department of the Army
Dr. John F. Kullgren, Department of the Army
Captain John M. Ocker, USN, Department of the Navy
Captain Ray Malpass, USN, Department of the Navy
Brigadier General John B. Ackerman, Department of the
Air Force
Colonel J. C. Marchant, Department of the Air Force
Colonel E. F. Williams, Department of the Air Force
Colonel S. M. Lansing, The Joint Staff
Mr. Meffert W. Kuhrtz, Federal Bureau of Investigation

JAMES Q. REBER
Secretary
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25X1 Approval of Minutes

1. Action: The minutes of the meeting of 8 February 1951 (IAC-M-19) were approved subject to the correction of the date in paragraph 7 to read: "1954."

25X1 Communist China (NIE-10)

2. Action: It was decided not to revise the published estimate at this time since the proposed additions and changes, though probably not objectionable, were not considered serious enough to warrant issuing a new estimate.

Proposed NIE on the Chinese Position in Korea

3. Action: At Dr. Langer's suggestion it was decided to take another look at the position of the Chinese Communists in Korea and its effect on Sino-Soviet relations. It was pointed out that their current casualty rate in Korea, if continued, is bound to have an effect on them elsewhere. Although the Chinese aim may still be to drive us out of Korea, perhaps they will be forced to defer attainment of this objective. The estimate should include a discussion of the factors involved in a decision to stop or not to stop at the 38th Parallel.

Vulnerability of the Soviet Bloc to Economic Warfare (NIE-22)

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4. Action: The paper was approved with certain corrections and it was decided to publish it as soon as possible. The only substantial change was the addition to paragraph 2 and paragraph 35 of the thought that economic warfare not only would seriously retard the development of the capabilities of the Soviet Bloc to wage a prolonged war, but also might correspondingly influence their decision concerning such a venture.

Oral Report on the Office of Research and Reports

5. Dr. Millikan explained the functions of his office in CIA, pointing out the respects in which it resembled the old ORE and emphasizing its re-orientation focusing on economic research relating to the Soviet Orbit. He noted that the State and Defense Departments do a good deal of economic research themselves and he expressed the opinion that his office could fill the gaps, help focus the collective effort and play a useful role as coordinator in the field of economic intelligence.

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Progress Report (IAC-PR-8)

6. No additional estimate (other than that mentioned in paragraph 2) and no changes in priorities were suggested.

Future Meetings

7. It was decided that the Watch Committee would meet as usual on Wednesday next week, and that the agencies would return their material on Thursday in spite of the holiday.

8. It was decided that the IAC would meet on Monday, 19 February 1951, and again on Friday, 23 February 1951.

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